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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77558

Eiji HAYASHI

Appln. No.: 10/663,807

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No.: 4057

Examiner: Terence Boes

Filed: September 17, 2003

For: TUBE GUIDE FOR BALL, BALL SCREW AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated May 9, 2006. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I for examination. This election is made without traverse.

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated May 9, 2006. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I for examination on which claims 1-15 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

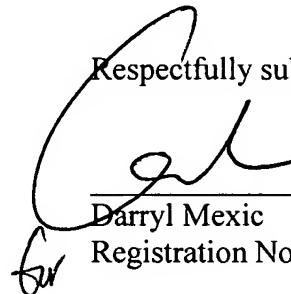
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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

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